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In re Application of :  
Wetzel et al. :  
Application No. 09/805,407 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Filed: March 12, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. 10003969-1 :

This is a decision on the petition filed July 27, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely submit the issue and publication fees, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee (s) Due which was mailed March 7, 2006. The Notice of Allowance and Fee (s) Due set a three (3) month statutory period for reply. Extensions of time were not available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on June 8, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 23, 2006.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been met. This petition is hereby **Granted**.

There is no indication that Petitioner herein was ever empowered to prosecute the instant application. If Petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documentation must be submitted.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charlema R. Grant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C" and a stylized "R".

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